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Catawba County Public Health Department Asks The Public To Call Before Coming For Flu Shots

The Catawba County Health Department is dedicated to protecting the public from the flu in spite of a national shortage of the flu vaccine and is working with vendors to get flu vaccine to our department as soon as possible. Currently, the Catawba County Health Department **does not** have flu vaccine available but is expecting shipments of the flu vaccine to arrive this week. "We are leaving no stone unturned and will have flu vaccine available as soon as possible for residents," said Barry Blick, Health Director. "We encourage residents of Catawba County to call us frequently at 695-5800 to determine if our agency has vaccine on hand."

The Catawba County Public Health Department began giving flu shots on October 6, 2003, and has successfully given 6,120 flu shots to date to folks in our community. Once shipments arrive, flu shots will be available at the Health Department's Immunization Clinic, with no appointment necessary, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. The cost is \$20.00 for the general public. Medicaid (high risk only) and Medicare Part B insurance cover flu shot costs, so **please remember to bring your insurance card with you!** Please call 695-5800 for more information.